



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
*Executive Office of the President*

Executive Referendum 54-002

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To: The Honorable Student Body of the University of South Florida  
From: William J. Warmke, Student Body President  
Subject: Executive Referendum for the Renewal of the Student Green Energy Fund  
Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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I, William J. Warmke, Student Body President, call an Executive Referendum for the Florida Board of Governors' approved Student Green Fee Energy Fund to be renewed by the Student Body.

The purpose of the Referendum shall be to gather the student body's opinion on the continuation of the Student Green Energy Fee. The findings shall be used by the Board of Trustees to represent the Student Body's support for or against the matter.

The Student Green Energy Fee is a nominal student fee that is used to assist the University of South Florida in conserving energy, reducing energy costs, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting renewable energy technologies.

With approval from the Florida Board of Governors on March 24, 2011, students at each campus vote in a student body referendum every three years to determine if they support the fee and at what rate. The most recent referendum for the Tampa campus took place on April 27-28, 2011. The referendum passed with 70 percent of students voting to approve. The fee now needs to be approved again by the Student Body to continue the Sustainability initiatives of the University of South Florida.

The intent of the fee aligns with the intentions of the strategic plan for the Board of Governors by helping fulfill some of the Mission Statement as well as the goals outlined in the plan. The fee helps USF meet its goal of increased fiscal self-sufficiency through monetary savings from reduced energy costs.

The Student Green Energy Fee leads to projects that establish or improve the use of renewable energy technologies or energy efficiencies that directly lower the University's greenhouse gas emissions, waste, or energy costs. These initiatives include but are not limited to: energy efficiency measures for older buildings, a waste to energy digester and renewable energy production on campus.

The projects to be implemented would be chosen by the fee steering committee, with the expenditure varying depending upon the project being implemented. Each individual campus with the fee would establish a steering committee to determine which projects will be implemented on that particular campus. Some projects that USF Tampa has already completed or started include:

- Smart Bike Sharing System
- Smart Parking Guidance System
- Desktop Power Management
- Refill-a-Bull Hydration Stations
- Solar Array at Marshall Center & Amphitheater Roof

Undergraduate Resident per Credit Hour: \$1.00

Graduate Resident per Credit Hour: \$1.00

The following shall be included on the ballot:

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Student Green Energy Fee per Credit Hour: \$1.00

Do you support the renewal of the Student Green Energy Fee?

- Yes
- No

*With my signature and consent of the majority of the Senate, this Referendum shall be sent to the Student Body for a vote in the 2014 Student Government General Elections.*



William J. Warmke  
Student Body President



Scott M. Sandoval  
Student Body Vice President

CC: SGATO Director Gary Manka, SGATO Assistant Director Jessica Morgan, Senate President Shyam Patel, Senate President Pro Tempore Adam Aldridge